Plantation under 'Taungya' system. In 1103 Cds. 550-1-0-7¼. Value realised Rs. 2,945—14—10.

(4) (a) and (b). Yes. Checkmeasured by the Conservator of Forests on 12th Medam 1103.

The field work done by the Conservator of Forests while at Head-quarters never used to be entered in his diary.

(c) In view of the answer to (b) no reply is necessary.

Contractors of the Forest Department.

426. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a condition of the agreement entered into between the Government and the contractors collecting timber in the forests tapped by the Tramway that logs below ten *vannoms* should not be collected at all;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether the contractors—any of them—have violated the said condition;

(c) whether the Conservator of Forests took the measurements during the 1st or 2nd week of Kanni 1104 of the timber collected in any part of the forest tapped by the Tramway;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, what was the total number of logs measured by him then and of this were there any below ten *vannoms*, and if there were, how many;

(e) whether the contractor was paid the collection charges for the logs measuring below 10 *vannoms*;

(f) whether the agreement to collect timber in the forests tapped by the Tramway is entered into between the Diwan and the contractor; and if so, the instance, if any, of the violation of the terms of such agreement has been brought to the notice of the Diwan by the Conservator;

(g) whether the Conservator of Forests refused to accept logs, if any, measuring below 10 *vannoms* and if not, why not;

(h) whether the Conservator obtained the sanction of the Diwan to accept logs, if any, below 10 *vannoms* prior to his taking the measurement, and if not, why not?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Total No. 1005. There were 65 logs below 10 *vannoms* which are the result of billeting, etc.

(e) Yes.

(f) The agreement of the contractor is with the Diwan.

(g) No, as he did not think it advisable.

(h) No. It is also not necessary according to the agreement.

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Mr. K. J. Antony.—With reference to sub-division (a), may I know whether it is a violation of the agreement if a contractor collects logs below 10 *vannoms*?

President.—If he collects timber below 10 *vannoms*, it is in opposition to the terms of the agreement.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Out of the timber collected during the first and second week of Kanni 1104, there were 65 logs below 10 *vannoms*. Is it not a violation of the agreement?

President.—Yes, it must be. The agreement with the contractor is that he should not collect timber below 10 *vannoms*, and there was a case in which 65 logs below 10 *vannoms* have been collected. That is clearly a violation of the agreement.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—The answer to (b) is 'no'.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—As far as the collection goes, yes. The collection depends upon the felling of the trees in which they have not violated the terms of the agreement.

President.—There is a distinction made between cutting and collecting.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—If he cuts below 10 *vannoms*, it is a violation. Trees above 10 *vannoms* would measure below 10 *vannoms* when the logs are collected.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—If he violates the agreement, what would be the consequence?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon —He would be penalised.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—What would be the penalty?

President.—Fine.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether the Conservator has got the power to accept logs below 10 *vannoms* without the sanction of the Diwan?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No, only with the sanction of the Diwan.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether the fact has been brought to the notice of the Diwan, that is, the collection of logs below 10 *vannoms*.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know why?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It was not required, because no trees below 10 *vannoms* were cut.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know what is the distinction between cutting and collecting?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—One is cutting and collection is after dressing.

President.—The processes are different. One precedes the other.

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Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—The answer is not given to the second part of (f).

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It was not brought to the notice of the Diwan.

President.—Was there any instance?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.— There was an instance. It was not brought to the notice of the Diwan because it was not thought necessary.

Selection of papers for advertisement.

427. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the names of newspapers in Cochin and outside to which Government advertisements were given in 1103 and 1104 and what is the policy regulating the selection of papers for advertisement?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—A list is appended (*vide Appendix VII*). There is no definite policy regulating the selection of papers. It all depends on such considerations as circulation, subjects for advertisements, etc.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The names of 6 papers are given. Am I to understand that these 6 papers have got more circulation than the rest?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It does not necessarily follow. All these considerations apply. You cannot definitely say that these papers have got the largest circulation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What are the special reasons?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.— They are given there. These papers satisfy these conditions.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Do they advertise special subjects? What are the special features of these papers?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It all depends upon the nature of the advertisement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Are advertisements sent to any particular papers?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It would be difficult to advertise in particular papers. Without instances I am not in a position to say anything.

Departments and offices personally inspected by the Diwan.

428. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of Departments and offices personally inspected by the Diwan in 1103 and 1104?

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